

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A suspension system for a vehicle, comprising:

a motor that is disposed between a vehicle body and a knuckle for driving a wheel;

a first suspension that is provided between the wheel and the vehicle body for elastically supporting the wheel of the vehicle with respect to the vehicle body;

a second suspension that is provided between the motor and the vehicle body for elastically supporting the motor and providing independent movement of the motor with respect to the vehicle body; and

a power transferring mechanism that is provided between a rotating shaft of the motor and a wheel shaft of the wheel for transferring power from the motor to the wheel while permitting relative movement of the motor with respect to the ~~wheel~~wheel,

wherein the second suspension includes a spring element and a damper element.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) A suspension system for a vehicle, comprising:

a motor for driving a wheel of the vehicle;

a first suspension for supporting the wheel of the vehicle with respect to a vehicle body;

a second suspension for elastically supporting the motor with respect to the vehicle body; and

a power transferring mechanism for transferring power from the motor to the wheel while permitting relative movement of the motor with respect to the wheel,

wherein a damper element of the first suspension and a damper element of the second suspension are interconnected via a fluid passage.

4. (Previously Presented) A suspension system for a vehicle, comprising:
 - a motor for driving a wheel of the vehicle;
 - a first suspension for supporting the wheel of the vehicle with respect to a vehicle body;
 - a second suspension for elastically supporting the motor with respect to the vehicle body; and
 - a power transferring mechanism for transferring power from the motor to the wheel while permitting relative movement of the motor with respect to the wheel,
wherein damper elements of second suspensions on both sides of the vehicle are interconnected via a fluid passage.
5. (Previously Presented) A suspension system for a vehicle, comprising:
 - a motor that is disposed between a vehicle body and a knuckle for driving a wheel;
 - a first suspension that is provided between the motor and the vehicle body for supporting the motor with respect to the vehicle body such that the motor can move in up-and-down directions with respect to the vehicle body;
 - a second suspension that is provided between the wheel and the motor for supporting the wheel with respect to the motor such that the wheel can move in up-and-down directions with respect to the motor; and
 - a power transferring mechanism that is provided between a rotating shaft of the motor and a wheel shaft of the wheel for transferring power from the motor to the wheel while permitting relative movement of the motor with respect to the wheel.

6. (Previously Presented) The suspension system as claimed in claim 5, wherein the first suspension includes a spring element and a damper element and the second suspension includes another spring element and another damper element.

7. (Previously Presented) The suspension system as claimed in claim 5, wherein the first suspension includes a plate spring.

8. (New) A suspension system for a vehicle, comprising:
a motor that is disposed between a vehicle body and a knuckle for driving a wheel;
a first suspension that is provided between the wheel and the vehicle body for elastically supporting the wheel of the vehicle with respect to the vehicle body;
a second suspension that is provided between the motor and the vehicle body for elastically supporting the motor and providing travel of the motor with respect to the vehicle body; and
a power transferring mechanism that is provided between a rotating shaft of the motor and a wheel shaft of the wheel for transferring power from the motor to the wheel while permitting relative movement of the motor with respect to the wheel.